

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 remain pending in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended herein.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-198190 (Miyauchi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As is recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention relates to a recording apparatus for recording on a recording material by use of a recording head. The apparatus includes a carriage, a carriage circuit board and a pressurized pin. The carriage mounts a recording head. The carriage circuit board is electrically connectable to the recording head and is attached to a wall of the carriage on a side of the wall that faces the recording head. The pressurized pin is provided on the carriage circuit board and is formed of metal and in contact with a contact face of the recording head mounted on the carriage.

With the above arrangement, the recording head can be securely fixed to the carriage with less parts in a simple and low-cost arrangement.

Miyauchi relates to a recording apparatus with a detachable cartridge. As shown in Fig. 6, contact substrate 17 is fixed through screws 24, 25 to a rear surface of the carriage. Applicant submits that Miyauchi does not disclose or suggest at least that a carriage circuit board is attached to a wall of the carriage on a side of the wall that faces a

recording head, as is recited in independent Claim 1. That is, because Miyauchi mounts the contact substrate 17 from the rear side of the carriage (a side that faces away from the recording head), the contact surface cannot be said to be attached to a side of the wall that faces the recording head.


Thus, Miyauchi fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in independent Claim 1 and independent Claim 1 is patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by Claims 1, 2 and 4-8.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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